

# Reduction of methane emissions: Russian case

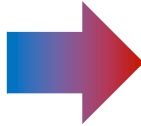
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Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the Governance of the Energy Union, amending Directive 94/22/EC, Directive 98/70/EC, Directive 2009/31/EC, Regulation (EC) No 663/2009, Regulation (EC) No 715/2009, Directive 2009/73/EC, Council Directive 2009/119/EC, Directive 2010/31/EU, Directive 2012/27/EU, Directive 2013/30/EU and Council Directive (EU) 2015/652 and repealing Regulation (EU) No 525/2013



In accordance with the current UNFCCC greenhouse gas reporting guidelines, the calculation and reporting of methane emissions is based on global warming potentials (GWP) relating to a 100-year time horizon. Given the high GWP and relatively short atmospheric lifetime of methane, leading to a significant impact on the climate in the short and middle term, the Commission should analyse the implications for policies and measures of **adopting a 20-year time horizon for methane**. Based on its analysis, the Commission should consider relevant policy options for rapidly addressing methane emissions through a **Union Methane Strategy, prioritising energy and waste-related methane emissions**.



The Commission's analysis for the Union's longterm low emission strategy shall include:

- a) the implications of various scenarios including scenarios for the EU's contribution towards the objectives set out in paragraph 1 inter alia a scenario on achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions within the Union by 2050 and negative emissions thereafter;
- b) **the implications for policies and measures for methane emissions given the high global warming potential and relatively short atmospheric lifetime of this gas**. Such analysis shall inter alia take into account the circular economy objectives as appropriate, **with a priority on energy and waste related methane emissions**.

*IPCC recommends  
to use GTP 100*



*EU plans to use  
GWP 20?*

**$CH_4$**  (fossil) = 6

**$CH_4$**  = 86

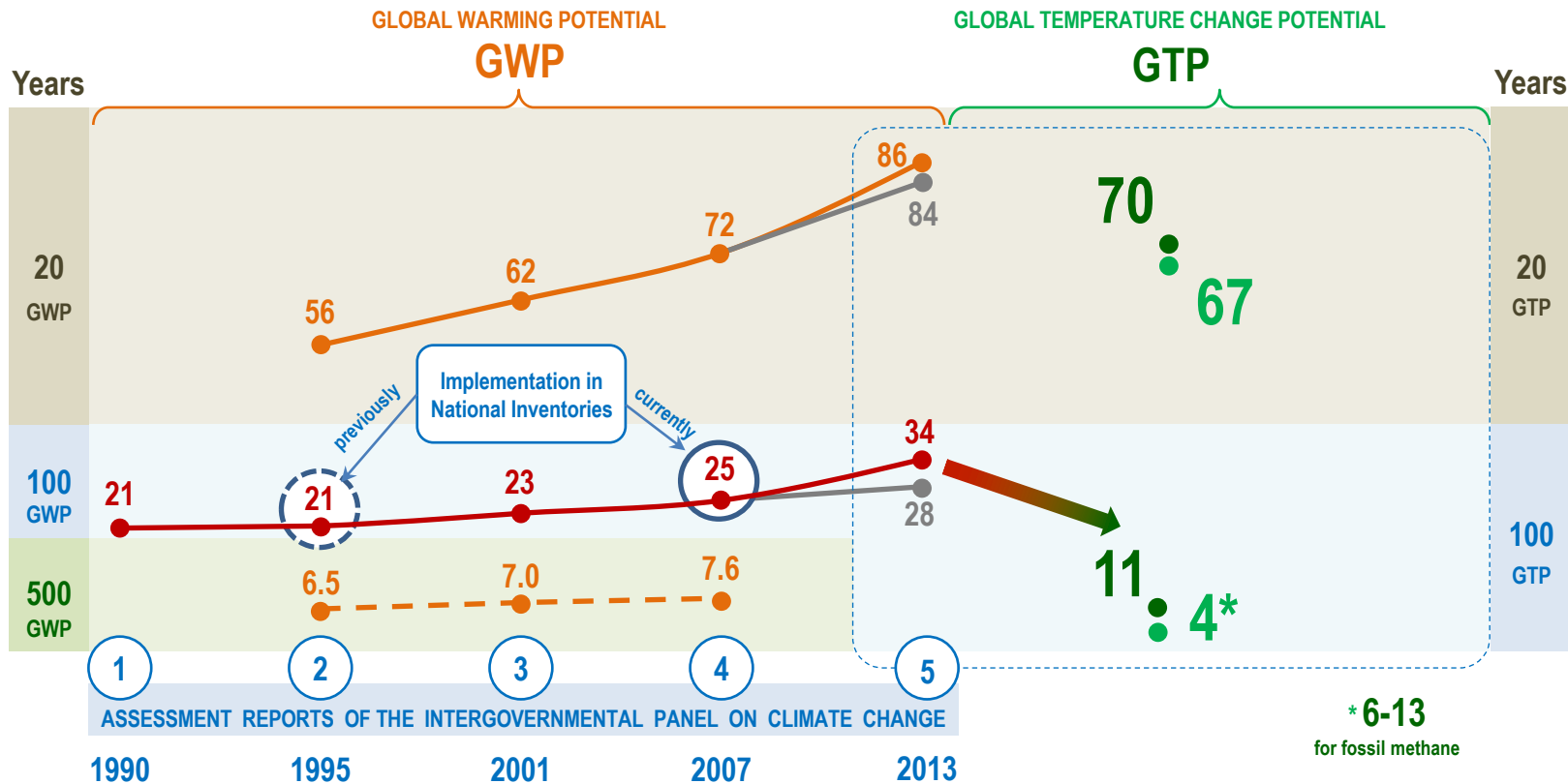


COP19, Warsaw, 2013

**$GWP$  of  $CH_4$  = 25** **NOW**

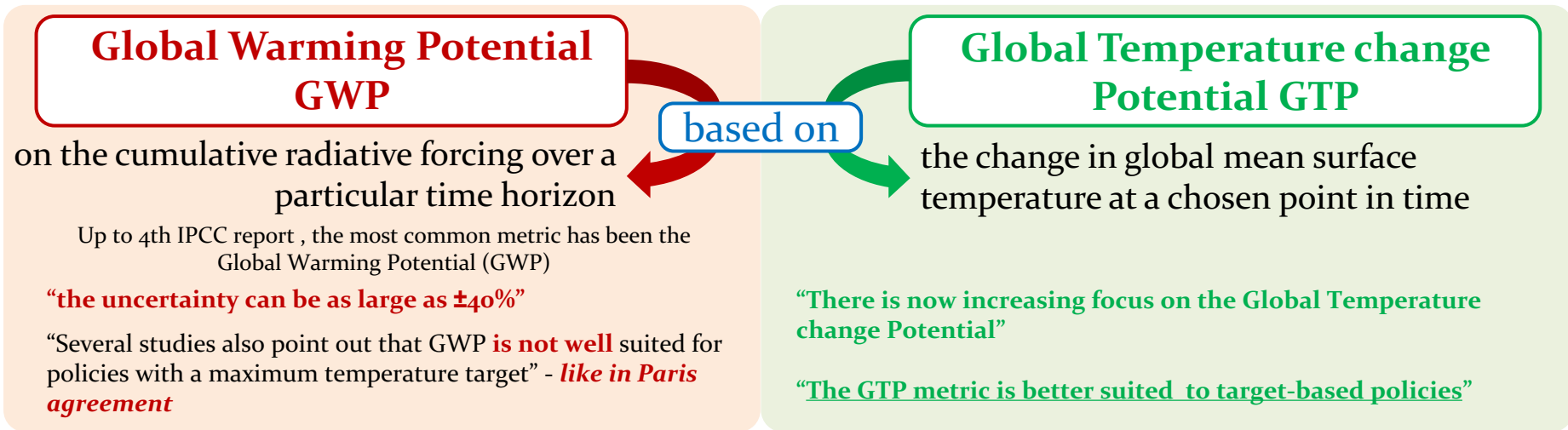
Source: FCCC/CP/2013/10/Add.3

# GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL VS GLOBAL TEMPERATURE CHANGE POTENTIAL



## IPCC's research on the global warming effect

Various metrics can be used to compare the contributions to climate change of emissions of different substances. No single metric can accurately compare all consequences of different emissions, and all have limitations and uncertainties



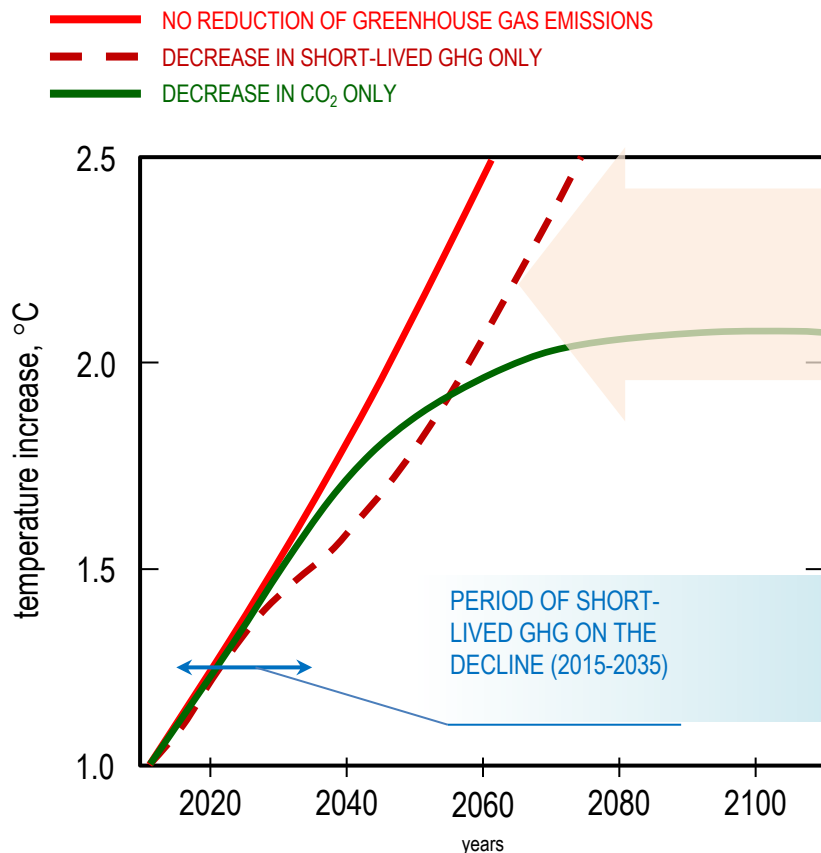
Source: 5th Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2013

**25\*** ← values for fossil methane for 100 years → **6**

(28\*\* or 34 with ccf \*\*\*)      Sources: Fifth Assessment Report of the IPCC (2013)      (13 with with ccf \*\*\*)

\* 4 Assessment IPCC Report (value implemented in Inventories)  
 \*\* 5 Assessment IPCC Report  
 \*\*\* carbon-climate feedback

# CONTRIBUTION OF CO<sub>2</sub> AND SHORT-LIVED GHG IN HOLDING THE INCREASE IN THE GLOBAL TEMPERATURE



## SHORT-LIVED GREENHOUSE GASES



METHANE



OZONE



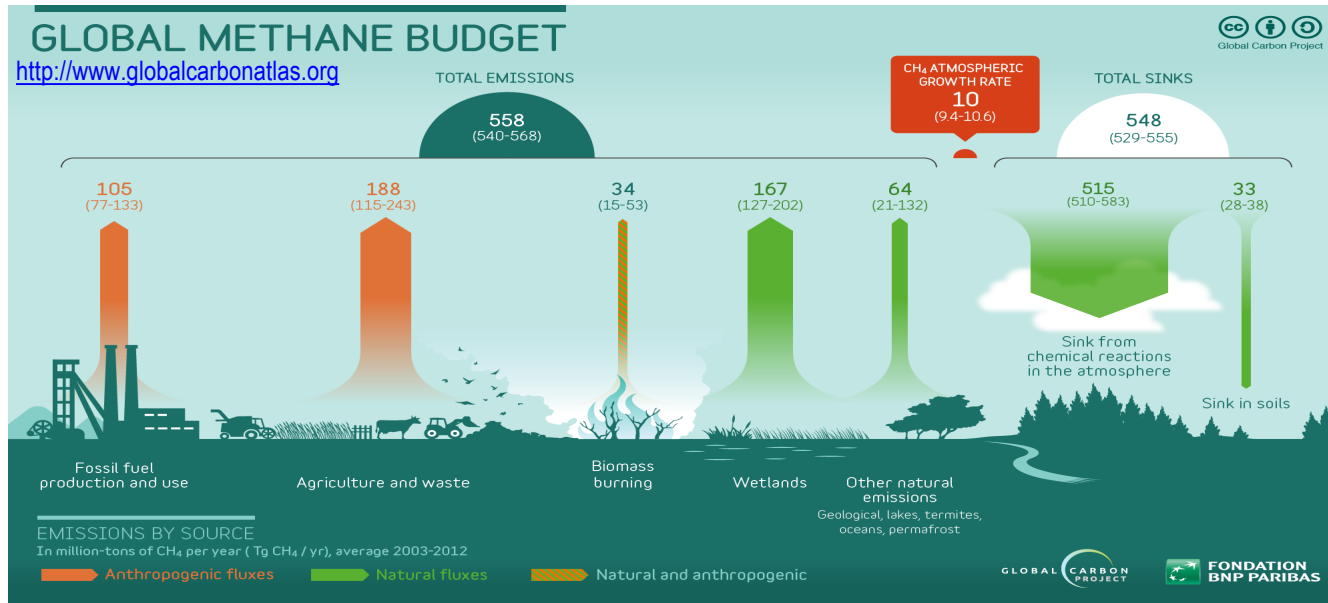
BLACK CARBON

FOCUS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF MEASURES FOR REDUCTION OF SHORT-LIVED GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS (METHANE) **DOES NOT CHANGE** LONG-TERM TREND IN INFLUENCE OF LONG-LIVED GREENHOUSE GASES (CO<sub>2</sub>) ON THE CLIMATE SYSTEM OF THE EARTH

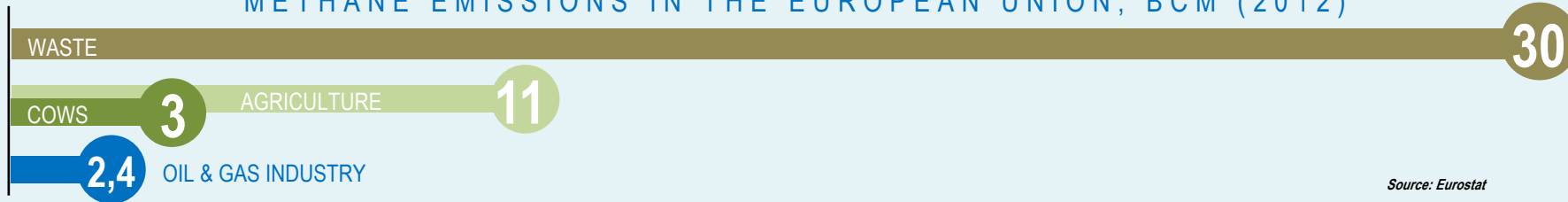
IS POLITICALLY MOTIVATED TO DEMONSTRATE  
"EASY" AND QUICK RESULTS, SINCE:

MEASURES FOR REDUCTION OF SHORT-LIVED GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS ARE LESS COSTLY AND ALLOW YOU TO SHOW A **QUICK ESTIMATED** REDUCTION IN EMISSIONS OF CO<sub>2</sub>-eq.

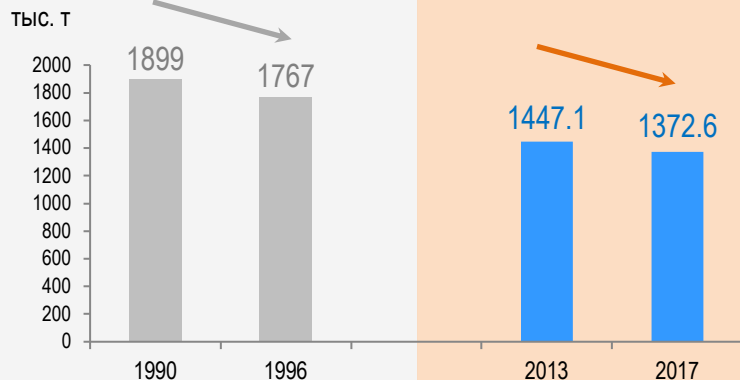
# GLOBAL METHANE BUDGET (2003-2012)



## METHANE EMISSIONS IN THE EUROPEAN UNION, BCM (2012)



## GAZPROM METHANE EMISSIONS



METHANE EMISSIONS  
REDUCTION (in 5 years) **5.2%**



## AUDIT REPORT:

- Gazprom demonstrates a high level of maturity in the GHG monitoring, reporting and management system, which provides opportunities to collect, analyze and present to interested parties objective information on greenhouse gas emissions
- the system of monitoring, reporting and management of greenhouse gas emissions meets the requirements of international carbon reporting standards



# NEXT STEPS

## 16 March 2018

SIGNED GUIDING PRINCIPLES «REDUCING METHANE EMISSIONS ACROSS THE NATURAL GAS VALUE CHAIN»



### EMISSIONS FACTORS FOR GAS PRODUCTION

(per  $10^6 \text{ m}^3$  NG produced)

FUGITIVIES (x  $10^{-4}$  Gg)

FLARING (x  $10^{-7}$  Gg)



### IPCC – FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

3.8 – **240**  
– 40 to + 250 %

7.6 – **10**  
± 75 %

### IPCC – FOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

3.8 – **23**  
± 100 %

7.6  
± 25 %

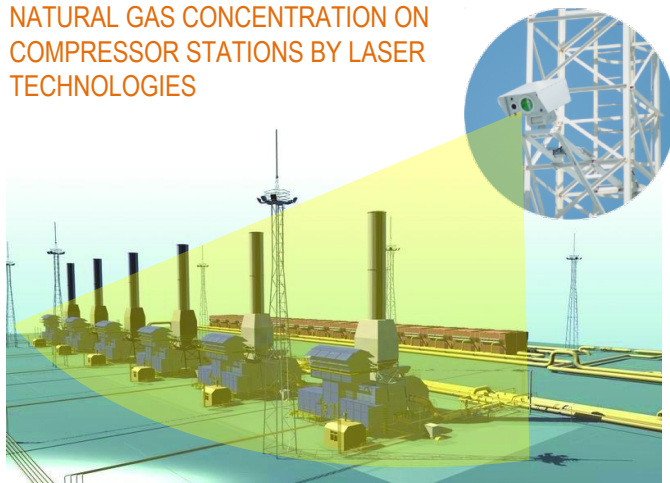
### NATIONAL FACTORS (RUSSIA)

**2.13**  
± 50 %

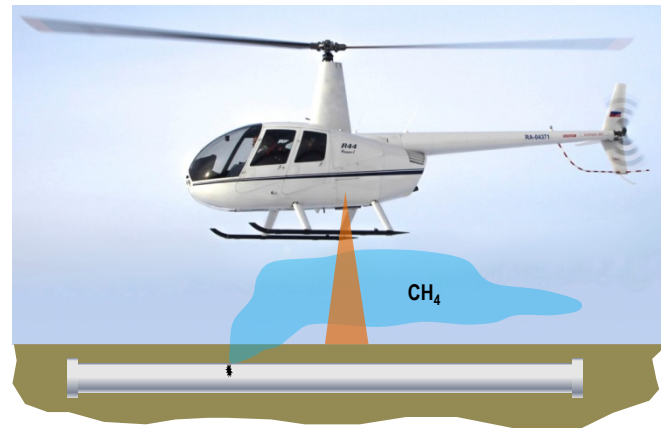
**1.12**  
± 50 %

# METHANE EMISSIONS DETECTION, MEASUREMENT AND ELIMINATION

CONTINUOUS MONITORING OF  
NATURAL GAS CONCENTRATION ON  
COMPRESSOR STATIONS BY LASER  
TECHNOLOGIES



DISTANT PERIODIC MONITORING OF METHANE EMISSIONS  
WITH TOTAL QUANTITATIVE ASSESSMENT



LOCALIZATION OF  
LEAKAGES BY PORTABLE  
INSTRUMENTS



**INSPECTION**

PERIODIC MONITORING OF  
NATURAL GAS EMISSIONS  
ON COMPRESSOR  
STATIONS BY  
HAND-HELD  
CONTROL DEVICES



**DISCOVERED LEAKAGE ELIMINATION**

Replacement of leaky facilities  
Bandaging  
Sealing of shut-off valves

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## METHANE IN RUSSIA

GREENHOUSE GAS

TOXIC GAS

KPI  
FEE

CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL TARGET

METHANE EMISSIONS REDUCTION

PERMITTING

LIMITATIONS  
OF EMISSIONS  
FOR EVERY FACILITY  
BY STATE BODIES

Official reporting

FEE COLLECTION

5 %

FEDERAL BUDGET

40 %

REGIONAL BUDGET

55 %

MUNICIPAL BUDGET

SUPERVISION



ENVIRONMENTAL AND TAX  
AUTHORITIES  
(EMISSIONS MONITORING AND  
PAYMENT CONTROL)



All methane emissions in Russia, kt

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
3,241.3	3,382.3	3,221.8	3,302.0	3,376.2

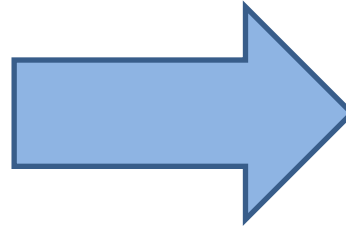
State Environmental bulletins

[http://www.gks.ru/wps/wcm/connect/rosstat\\_main/rosstat/ru/statistics/publications/catalog/5e901c0042cb5cc99b49bf307f2fa3f8](http://www.gks.ru/wps/wcm/connect/rosstat_main/rosstat/ru/statistics/publications/catalog/5e901c0042cb5cc99b49bf307f2fa3f8)

# ISOTOPIC EVIDENCE

Modern methods of determining the age and the source of methane ( $\text{CH}_4$ ) are based on the registration of stable **isotopes carbon-12 and carbon-13** and its natural ratio 98.92% and 1.08%

**Siberian gas fields** typically have isotope ratio, which would be unlikely to produce the shift observed



**RUSSIAN NATURAL GAS IS NOT THE SOURCE OF METHANE GROWTH IN THE ATMOSPHERE**

**Isotopic studies** indicate that the methane rise is a result of **increased emissions from biogenic sources**, e.g., extension of wetland and expansion in the number of methane emissions sources in agriculture: ruminants and rice fields